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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM BOTSWANA PRESIDENT  
MOGAE

THE EMBASSY RECEIVED VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE NUMBER 53/01  
DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 2001 THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A  
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FESTUS G. MOGAE TO PRESIDENT  
GEORGE W. BUSH.

QUOTE:

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

IT WAS WITH GREAT SHOCK AND SADNESS THAT I LEARNED OF  
THE HORRIFIC TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE TWIN WORLD  
TRADE CENTER TOWERS AND THE PENTAGON ON TUESDAY 11TH  
SEPTEMBER 2001, RESULTING IN THE TRAGIC DEMISE OF  
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND UNWARRANTED DESTRUCTION OF  
PROPERTY.

ACTS OF TERRORISM SUCH AS THESE UNDERMINE THE  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF MODERN STATE SYSTEMS. IT IS  
THEREFORE NECESSARY THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY STAND  
TOGETHER IN TIMES LIKE THESE TO FIGHT THIS TERRIBLE  
SCOURGE.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA,  
AND INDEED ON MY OWN BEHALF, I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY  
TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MY SYMPATHY AND  
HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES IN THESE TRYING TIMES.

MAY THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE.

ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM.

UNQUOTE.

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